Waste Services

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- Place containers at the street with the handle toward your house.
- Allow 3 feet of clearance between your container and any other item including the blue recyle container.
- Remove containers from public view at the end of the collection day.
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Yard Waste Containers

For larger amounts of yard debris, large containers are available for a fee on a first-come, first-serve basis. The container measures 13 x 7 x 5 feet. Tree limbs must be no larger than 6 inches in diameter and must fit totally within the container. If you place bags of yard waste in the container, you must use clear plastic bags; however, loose leaves and grass are acceptable. Containers cannot be used for debris resulting from clearing of vacant lots. You may schedule the container for a 24-hour period on weekdays; containers delivered on Friday will be picked up on Monday. Someone at least 18 years old must sign for the container when delivered but need not be home when it is picked up. Please call well in advance of your need to use the container, as this service is very popular with residents.

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Yard Waste Drop-Off

Virginia Beach residents may also take brush and tree trimmings, not to exceed 6 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter, to the City of Virginia Beach Landfill II at 1989 Jake Sears Road. Leaves and grass clippings should be bagged and separated from the brush and trimmings. The vehicle size requirements listed below and proof of Virginia Beach residency also apply.

Homeowners may haul normal household waste directly to the following two sites. Individual garbage bags must be securely tied. The waste must be generated in the City of Virginia Beach from the primary residence, and it must be delivered in a privately owned non-commercial automobile, station wagon, passenger van, mini van, unmodified low sided pickup truck or trailer no larger than a pickup truck bed.

Landfill II
1989 Jake Sears Road - Phone: 385-1980 (near Regent University - off Centerville Turnpike)
Tuesday - Saturday: 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Proof of Virginia Beach residency must be provided.

Landstown Transfer Station
1825 Concert Drive - Phone: 961-3986; www.spsa.com (off Rosemont Road near Tidewater Community College)
Monday - Friday: 5 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - Noon

Drop-off Sites for Household Waste

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Curbside Recycling Program

Recycling in Virginia Beach has never been easier and more convenient. Our state-of-the-art curbside recycling service is designed to be simple. Just put all your household recyclables in your blue container, and roll it to the curb on your scheduled collection day. Recycle containers are collected every other week. Acceptable items are listed on the lid of the recycle container. Blue recycle containers are provided to residents who receive City provided waste collection. The more residents participate, the greater the benefits to taxpayers.

Please follow these guidelines when recycling:

- Place recycle container at the curb by 7 a.m. allowing at least three feet clearance between container and any other item.
- Pour or wipe out contents of cans and bottles before recycling.
- Place materials loosely in the recycle container.
- Recycle containers are collected every other week on the same day as your normal waste collection service.
- To report service problems, please call or email the Waste Management Division on your collection day or by noon the following business day.

Recycle These Items

- Paper:
  - Office Paper
  - Newspaper
  - Junk Mail
  - Phonebooks
  - Magazines
  - Remove all plastic sleeves

- Cardboard & Chipboard:
  - Clean & Dry
  - Unwaxed & Flattened

- Plastic Bottles Only:
  - Must have a neck or pouring spout
  - May leave caps on
  - No motor oil containers

- Glass Bottles and Jars:
  - Clear, Green & Brown
  - Remove and discard lids

- Metals:
  - Aluminum and steel/tin food and beverage cans
  - Clean aluminum foil
  - No motor oil containers

DO NOT Recycle These Items

- Toys
- Overstuffed Cart
- Food Containers
  - Milk and juice cartons
  - Greasy pizza boxes
  - “To go” containers
  - Food boxes with waxed covers

- Bags of Garbage
- Styrofoam Peanuts and Blocks
- Yard Waste
  - Leaves, grass clippings, branches, wood, etc.

- Plastic Bags

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Scan this code to receive Virginia Beach Recycling information to your smartphone.

Garbage and Recycling Holiday Schedule

Please check our website at www.VBgov.com/wastemgt or call 757-385-4650 for holiday scheduling.